

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
Norfolk Division**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

2:05CR70

COREY DONTAE BRANCH

Defendant.

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING GUILTY PLEA**

Defendant, by consent, has appeared before the undersigned pursuant to Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and referral from a United States District Judge and has entered a guilty plea to a one count indictment, charging him with possession of a handgun and ammunition, after having been convicted of a felony, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924 (a)(2).

Defendant was represented by appointed counsel, Andrew A. Protogyrou, Esquire. On March 20, 2006, defendant appeared before the Court for the purpose of entering his guilty plea. He was appropriate in appearance, responsive, and competently prepared for the hearing.

Defendant answered all questions put to him in clear and concise language. On those occasions when he had a question, defendant consulted with counsel and then promptly answered. Defendant was courteous and appropriate in his behavior at all times and clearly understood the seriousness of his position. At the close of the proceeding, defendant was remanded back to custody, pending preparation of a presentence report.

Defendant entered the guilty plea pursuant to a plea agreement. The Court is completely satisfied, based upon defendant's responses, that he fully appreciates his position. Furthermore, he acknowledged that the statement of facts prepared in anticipation of his plea accurately reflects the government's evidence, in the event of trial.

Failure to file written objections to this report and recommendation within ten days from the date of its service shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking such report and recommendation before the assigned United States District Judge. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B).

Norfolk, Virginia

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